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Kore rawa e hoko ki te tangata, e kore e whakakāhoretia,
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IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF HORSE BY-PRODUCTS FOR FUTHER PROCESSING FROM SPECIFIED SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND MEXICO

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USER GUIDE

The information in MAF animal and animal product import health standards is presented in numerically ordered sections with descriptive titles. Sections are grouped into one of four parts, designated alphabetically.

Part A. GENERAL INFORMATION contains sections of general interest, including those relating to the legal basis for MAF import health standards and the general responsibilities of every importer of animals and animal products.

Part B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE contains sections that outline the requirements to be met prior to and during importation. Whether a permit to import is required to be obtained prior to importation is noted, as are conditions of eligibility, transport and general conditions relating to documentation accompanying the consignment.

Part C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE contains sections describing the requirements to be met at the New Zealand border and, if necessary, in a transitional facility in New Zealand prior to any consignment being given biosecurity clearance.

Part D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION contains model health certification which must be completed by the appropriate personnel as indicated in the certification and accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

PART A: GENERAL INFORMATION

1 IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

1.1 Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the import health standard for the importation into New Zealand of horse by-products from specified countries.

1.2 To obtain biosecurity clearance the consignment must meet the requirements of this import health standard.

1.3 This import health standard may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes in New Zealand's import policy or the animal health status of the originating country, or for any other lawful reason, at the discretion of the Manager Import and Export Animals.

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 The importer must obtain a permit to import prior to proceeding with importation (See PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE).

2.2 Commercial consignments of meat and other products imported into New Zealand for human consumption must comply with the Food Act 1981. These requirements are independent of the import health standard requirements and are managed by the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA). Importers are advised to consult the NZFSA website: http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/index.htm or contact the NZFSA.

2.3 Once the consignment has been given biosecurity clearance into New Zealand, it is the importer's responsibility to ensure (where relevant) that the consignment complies with the Animal Products Act 1999, especially if it is returned New Zealand product, product entering operations also used for the export of animal products, or if it is to be re-exported. Information about these requirements can be obtained from the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA) website at http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/index.htm or by contacting the local NZFSA Verification Agency office. Certification and other official assurance requirements which may be applicable are also accessible at the above website.

2.4 The costs to MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of horse by-products shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.

2.5 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity authorisation and/or biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.

3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Manager Import and Export Animals
The Manager Import and Export Animals, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Biosecurity New Zealand, or any person who for the time being may lawfully exercise and perform the delegated power and functions of the Manager Import and Export Animals.

Biosecurity clearance
A clearance issued under section 26 of the Biosecurity Act (1993) for the entry of goods into New Zealand. (Explanatory Note: Goods given a Biosecurity Clearance by an inspector are released to the importer without restriction)

Biosecurity authority
Authorisation given by an inspector for uncleared goods to proceed to a transitional facility.

Horse by-products
Meat by-products derived from horses. Such items may include adrenal glands, epiglottides, hearts, kidneys, livers, oesophagi, pancreas glands, spleens, thymus glands, thyroid glands, trachea etc.

Equivalence
Acceptance by the Manager Import and Export Animals that the circumstances relating to the importation of a consignment are such that the health status of the consignment is equivalent to the health status of a consignment that complies with the requirements of the import health standard.

MAF
New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Official Veterinarian
A veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Authority of the country to perform certain designated official tasks associated with animal health and/or public health and inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, to certify in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 5.2 of the OIE Code pertaining to principles of certification.

OIE *Code*
The World Organisation for Animal Health Terrestrial Animal Health Code. Any reference in this standard to the OIE Code is to the most current as found on the OIE website.

Specified countries
Argentina, Brazil, Columbia, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Mexico.

Transitional facility
A place (or part of a port) approved as a transitional facility in accordance with section 39 [of the Biosecurity Act 1993] for the purpose of inspection, processing, testing, storage, treatment, holding or destruction of uncleared goods.

4 EQUIVALENCE

4.1 It is expected that the animal product will meet the conditions of this import health standard in every respect. If the products do not comply with the requirements, an application for equivalence with detailed supportive information may be submitted to MAF for consideration.

PART B: IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

5 PERMIT TO IMPORT

5.1 A permit to import is required for all consignments. An application form for a permit to import can be obtained from http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/imports/animals/forms or MAF Animal Imports, PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140, New Zealand or animalimports@maf.govt.nz.

5.2 The importer must supply the following information:

5.2.1 name and address of importer;

5.2.2 name and address of exporter;

5.2.3 name and address of manufacturer and official number of the premises;

5.2.4 description and type of the product to be imported;

5.2.5 name, address and standard of the transitional facility to which the consignment is to proceed following importation;

5.2.6 whether a permit for multiple consignments is required.

5.3 Permits for multiple consignments are issued for a period of 12 months.

6 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

6.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by the permit to import and all appropriately completed health certification that meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION.

6.2 It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any documentation presented in accordance with the requirements of this import health standard is original (unless otherwise specified) and clearly legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining biosecurity direction, clearance, or rejection of consignments.

7 ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

7.1 The horse by-products must be authorised to move to an approved transitional facility for further processing as detailed in Section 9 TRANSITIONAL FACILITY.

7.2 All other requirements of this import health standard, including those detailed in the model zoosanitary certificate must be met for horse by-products to be eligible for importation.

PART C: CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

8 BIOSECURITY DIRECTION

8.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand, the documentation accompanying the consignment shall be inspected by an inspector at the port of arrival. The Inspector may also inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment.

8.2 Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION, the consignment may, subject to sections 25 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, be given a biosecurity authority to move to the transitional facility named in the Permit to Import.

9 TRANSITIONAL FACILITY

9.1 Once the biosecurity authority is given, the horse by-products must proceed to an approved transitional facility in accordance with the MAF Standard for General Transitional Facilities for Uncleared Goods, and any associated requirements listed in Annex F of the Guidance Document to that standard.

9.2 In the approved transitional facility the horse by-products must be subject to the following processes:

9.2.1 proteolytic enzyme digestion at 50°C for at least 60 minutes;

AND

9.2.2 heating at 74°C for at least 3 minutes followed by 2 treatments at 70°C for at least 30 minutes.

10 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

10.1 On successful completion of the terms detailed under Section 9: TRANSITIONAL FACILITY, the consignment may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the Biosecurity Act

1993, be given a biosecurity clearance pursuant to section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

PART D: ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

11 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

The following model zoosanitary certification contains the information required by MAF to accompany imports of horse by-products from specified countries to New Zealand.

MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

COMMODITY: Horse by-products from specified countries

CERTIFYING AUTHORITY:

Agency:

Department:

Country:

I. ORIGIN OF THE CONSIGNMENT

(i). Name/s and address/es of processing premises:

(ii). Processing premises registration number:

II. CONSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

(i). The commodity contained in this consignment is (describe form and packaging):

(ii). Amount (in kgs) of the consignment:

III. DESTINATION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

(i). Name and address of New Zealand importer:

IV. ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I ....., being an official veterinarian authorised by ..... (insert specified country), certify with respect to the horse by-products identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate that the products:

1. Originate from a government licensed slaughtering establishment which operates under government veterinary supervision.

2. Were derived from horses which were subjected to ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspection and were found to be free from disease.

3. Are sealed in identified cartons.

Signature of Official Veterinarian: Date:

Name and address of office:

Note: Official stamp of the government veterinary authority of the exporting country must be applied to all pages of the zoosanitary certification